

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A method for the treatment of epidermal lesions with liquid nitrogen therapy, comprising the steps of:  
  
administering liquid nitrogen to the epidermal lesion; and  
  
applying a topical anesthetic to the epidermal lesion and the surrounding epidermis following the administration of the liquid nitrogen.
2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of applying the topical anesthetic occurs during the thawing of the epidermal lesion.
3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of applying the topical anesthetic occurs after the thawing of the epidermal lesion.
4. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of relieving the pain associated with the thawing of the epidermal lesion.
5. (original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the relief of pain occurs in about fifteen seconds following application of the topical anesthetic.
6. (new) A method for the treatment of epidermal lesions with liquid nitrogen therapy, comprising the steps of:  
  
administering liquid nitrogen to the epidermal lesion; and

applying a topical anesthetic to the epidermal lesion and the surrounding epidermis following the administration of the liquid nitrogen and during the thawing of the epidermal lesion.